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SUBJ: VISIT OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TEAM TO CAE

REF: ABIDJAN 7817, BANGUI 1667

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION OF VISIT OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE BASKETBALL TEAM THROUGH A LOW-KEY DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY DATED AUGUST 6, (BUT NOT RECEIVED UNTIL AUG 8). THE NOTE STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EXTREMELY BUSY SCHEDULE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR IT TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE WELCOME FOR THE TEAM. THE NOTE ASKS THE EMBASSY QTE TO DEFER THE ARRIVAL OF THE TEAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT APPROVAL FOR THE TEAM'S VISIT WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. REASON STATED IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE IS CERTAINLY NOT THE TRUE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE TEAM'S VISIT SINCE ALL PREPARATIONS HAD BEEN MADE WHEN VISIT WAS CANCELLED AND CAE HAD JUST HOSTED CENTRAL AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT WITHOUT ANY INTERRUPTION OF NORMAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. BASICALLY, THE CANCELLATION OCCURRED BECAUSE OF BILATERAL POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH
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TEAM'S VISIT. THE AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AT THE VISIT'S CANCELLATION, STRESSING THAT SIGNIFICANT EFFORT AND MONEY HAD BEEN EXPENDED TO ARRANGE THE VISIT OF THE TEAM AND NOTING THAT IT WAS REGRETABLE THAT THE VISIT OF A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE AFFECTED BY UNRELATED POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. BERT KLINEBURGER IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE SIMILAR POINTS TO PRIME MINISTER AND BASKET-

BALL FEDERATION PRESIDENT DARLAN WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN WORKING
ON VISIT.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO DR. MILTON.
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